

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

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JOHNSON CARTER,

Petitioner,

ORDER

v.

07-C-365-C

MARATHON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S  
OFFICE and ASST. D.A. ROSA DELGADO, in  
official capacity and personal capacity,

Respondents.

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In an order dated August 3, 2007, I denied petitioner's request for leave to proceed in forma pauperis in this proposed civil action brought under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. I dismissed the case because respondents Delgado and Marathon County District Attorney's Office are protected from petitioner's suit by the doctrine of absolute prosecutorial immunity and because, to the extent petitioner sought damages against the District Attorney's Office for the actions of respondent Delgado, the claim is not permitted under § 1983. Now petitioner has filed a notice of appeal. The notice is not accompanied by the \$455 fee required for filing an appeal. Therefore, I construe petitioner's notice of appeal to include a motion for

leave to proceed on appeal in forma pauperis.

In determining whether petitioner may appeal in forma pauperis, I must consider whether he has three strikes under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g) and, if not, whether he is indigent and whether his appeal is taken in good faith. Petitioner does not have three strikes and I am aware from the trust fund account statement he submitted just two months ago that he is indigent. Nevertheless, petitioner cannot proceed in forma pauperis on appeal because I must certify that his appeal is not taken in good faith.

I presume petitioner intends to raise on appeal the claims he raised in his complaint. The Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit has instructed district courts to find bad faith where a petitioner is appealing the same claims the district court found to be without legal merit in his complaint. Lee v. Clinton, 209 F.3d 1025 (7th Cir. 2000). Because petitioner is attempting to raise on appeal the same legally meritless claims he raised in his complaint in this court, I must certify his appeal as not being taken in good faith.

Because I am certifying petitioner's appeal as not having been taken in good faith, petitioner cannot proceed with his appeal without prepaying the \$455 filing fee unless the court of appeals gives him permission to do so. Pursuant to Fed. R. App. P. 24, petitioner has 30 days from the date of this order in which to ask the court of appeals to review this court's denial of leave to proceed in forma pauperis on appeal. His motion must be accompanied by an affidavit as described in the first paragraph of Fed. R. App. P. 24(a) and

a copy of this order. Petitioner should be aware that if the court of appeals agrees with this court that the appeal is not taken in good faith, it will send him an order requiring him to pay all of the filing fee by a set deadline. If petitioner fails to pay the fee within the deadline set, the court of appeals ordinarily will dismiss the appeal and order this court to arrange for collection of the fee from petitioner's prison account.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that petitioner's request for leave to proceed in forma pauperis on appeal is DENIED. I certify that petitioner's appeal is not taken in good faith.

Entered this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2007.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

BARBARA B. CRABB  
District Judge